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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 227 (Charles County Delegation)  
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Charles County - Public Nuisances - Definitions**

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This bill increases from two acres to three acres the maximum size of residentially zoned and developed land in Charles County that is defined as residential property subject to enforcement of public nuisance laws.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Charles County finances would not be affected. Any costs incurred by the county for abating a public nuisance would be charged to the homeowner in the form of a lien against the property.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Residential property subject to enforcement of public nuisance laws in Charles County includes: (1) a residentially zoned and developed lot containing a maximum of two acres; (2) any property that is zoned RL, RM, RH, RV, PR, PUD, or WPC; or (3) any undeveloped land of ten acres or less within a clustered development. Land used for farming is not considered residential property.

**Background:** Charles County advises that nearly one-third of the county is zoned as three-acre residential property.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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